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TO : Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
FROM : Acting Director of Security  
SUBJECT: Attribution of Authorship of Certain ORR Reports

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*28 Aug. 58*

1. This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of 14 August 1958 and to make a matter of record the agreement that the Office of Security interposes no objection to your initiating a policy, on an experimental basis, of authorship credit on reports prepared in the Economic Area on Agency initiative. No authorship attribution is authorized on reports prepared in response to official requests.

2. Your appreciation of security considerations was of great assistance in resolving the problem.

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14 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security

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1. This memorandum is to confirm my understanding of the outcome of our discussion of the above subject in your office on 6 August and our subsequent telephone conversation of the morning of 12 August.

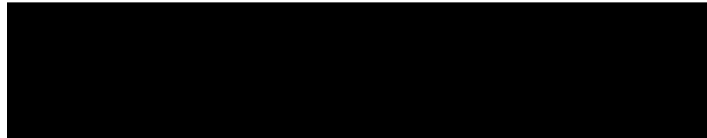
2. You will recall that the Economic Research Area of OER has proposed that certain of our reports be attributed by name to the analyst principally responsible for their preparation. Reports to which such analyst credit would be given would be those prepared in the Economic Area on our own initiative as distinct from those prepared in response to official requests. It is not intended that such attribution will relieve OER and the Agency of responsibility of the views expressed in these reports; OER reports prepared in the Economic Area will continue to carry the footnote that presently appears on the first page of our published reports, which reads "The estimates and conclusions contained in this report represent the best judgment of OER as of \_\_\_\_\_ 1958". It is our intention to undertake this policy of attribution of our reports on an experimental basis. The idea is aimed, as you know, at providing a type of professional recognition to our analysts in the hope of increasing job satisfaction among our professionals. It is one of several measures we are currently undertaking in an effort to reduce attrition of professional personnel in the current highly competitive market for economists. We will watch the results of this new policy with great interest.

3. I understand that the Office of Security sees no overriding objection to this experiment from the point of view of security and that you are accordingly in agreement that we move forward with this

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ideas as indicated above. Your understanding of our problem and your constructive and helpful approach to this proposal are greatly appreciated.

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**Acting Chief, Economic Research Area  
Office of Research and Reports**

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